

*City of St. John*  
*Council Meeting Minutes*  
June 18, 2024

**I. Call to order**

Mayor Bobby Stimatze called to order the regular meeting of the St. John City Council at 7:00 PM on June 18, 2024, at City Hall. The following council were present: Sara Woolf, Kyle Bunker, and Aaron Gleason. Mark Bryant and Aaron Raines were not present.

City Personnel: Patrick Piper, Curtis Smith, Jason Wyatt, and Pam Watson.

City Attorney: Not present.

Attendance: Doris Tompskin, Arika Fanshier, Brett Middleton, Lara Wolfenden, and Erik Crowley.

**II. Additions to the Agenda - None**

**III. Citizen Comments**

- a) Doris Tompskin introduced Arika Fanshier and Brett Middleton to the council. They represent the Heart of Kansas Health Care INC. They will open their clinic here in St John, replacing Dr. Farmer Clinic.

**IV. 2024 Rate Study**

- a) Priority Power representatives Greg Wright and Elmarie Kaufman presented the utility rate study reports - Discussions between the council and the representatives about different options for the rate increase. The main focus of the study is the water rate, which has been showing loss. Based on the study, the water rate needed to be increased immediately to recover the losses from previous years. The electric rate is comparable to the average rate charged from other cities and does not show losses like the water rate.

**No action taken.**

**V. Consent Agenda**

- a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes – June 4, 2024

**Gleason moved to approve the regular council meeting minutes for June 4, 2024. Woolf seconded. The motion carried 3-0.**

- b) Special Council Meeting Minutes – June 4, 2024

**Gleason moved to approve the special council meeting minutes for June 4, 2024. Bunker seconded. The motion carried 3-0.**

- c) Appropriation Ordinance #061824AP - \$48,670.58

**Gleason moved to approve appropriation ordinance #061824AP in the amount of \$48,670.58. Woolf seconded. The motion carried 3-0.**

- d) Petty Cash - \$307.67

**Gleason moved to approve Petty cash in the amount of \$307.67. Bunker seconded. The motion carried 3-0.**

- e) Davis Electrical INC - \$3,610.75 (Pump Controller for the water well at Brown Park)

**Gleason moved to approve a bill from Davis Electrical INC in the amount of \$3,610.75. Bunker seconded. The motion carried 3-0.**

- f) Mansel Concrete Construction - \$7,000.00 (Concrete for the intermediate pool)

**Gleason moved to approve a bill from Mansel Concrete Construction in the amount of \$7,000.00. Bunker seconded. The motion carried 3-0.**

- g) Red Cedar Land Co - \$6,900.00 (John Deere utility vehicle from Sheriff Auction)

**Bunker moved to approve a bill from Red Cedar in the amount of \$6,900.00.**

**Gleason seconded. The motion carried 3-0.**

- h) Power Plant Compliance - \$7,500.00 (Emissions testing on engine #2)

**Gleason moved to approve a bill from Power Plant Compliance in the amount of \$7,500.00. Bunker seconded. The motion carried 3-0.**

## **VI. Committee & Department Head Reports**

- a) Electric Supervisor – None
- b) Water/Sewer Supervisor—Discussion about the pool. All three pools are filled and are holding water.
- c) Street/Park Supervisor – Discussion about mosquito spray schedule.
- d) Police Department – None
- e) Fire Chief - None
- f) City Clerk – None
- g) City Attorney—None

## **VII. Old Business**

- a) Property code violations –
  - a. 518 W 4<sup>th</sup> – Resolution #2023-07
  - b. 101 E 5<sup>th</sup> – Resolution #2023-06
  - c. 406 E 1<sup>st</sup> – Resolution #2023-11
  - d. 112 S Monroe – Resolution #2023-04
- b) Swimming pool – Updates during department head reports. The pools hold water, and all pools are opened.

**Gleason moved to remove the swimming pool from the old business. Bunker seconded. The motion carried 3-0.**

- c) 5<sup>th</sup> Street Road by White's Foodliner – No Update
- d) 2024 Housing Violations – Letters sent to property owners.

## **VIII. New Business**

- a) 4<sup>th</sup> of July Fireworks – Discussions on dates and times of the fireworks displays.

**Woolf moved to permit fireworks displays within the city limit from July 4<sup>th</sup> – July 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to midnight. Gleason seconded. The motion carried 3-0.**

- b) Altec Bucket Truck—The electric supervisor presented the council with a quote from Altec for the bucket truck. There were discussions about the size, hours, and conditions of the vehicle.

**Gleason moved to approve the purchase of the bucket truck from Altec for \$169,000.00, pending inspection by the electric supervisor. Bunker seconded. The motion carried 3-0.**

- c) Franchise Agreement with Kansas Gas Service—Discussions on the terms and revenue rate. Gleason excused himself from the discussion as he is employed by Kansas Gas Service. The current franchise agreement is in effect until April 2025.

**Bunker moved to table this to old business to wait to have a full council before approving this agreement. Woolf seconded. The motion carried 2-1. Gleason abstained.**

## **IX. Adjournment**

- a) Next Regular Council meeting will be held Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the St. John City Hall

Gleason moved to adjourn the regular council meeting. Bunker seconded. Motion carried 3-0

  
MAYOR

  
CITY CLERK